

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request consideration and entry of the above amendment before examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS SHOWING CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

1. (amended) An apparatus for *delivering a closure element into*~~positioning~~
~~within~~ a passage communicating with an opening into a body lumen, comprising:
- an elongate member comprising proximal and distal ends;
- an annular clip carried by*~~a closure element associated with~~ the elongate member for closing the opening;
- a locator member coupled to the elongate member, the locator member having a distal portion extending distally beyond the distal end of the elongate member; and
- one or more positioning elements on the distal portion of the locator member, the positioning elements being selectively expandable between a substantially axial collapsed configuration and a substantially transverse expanded configuration.
11. (amended) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a housing slidably disposed on an exterior of the elongate member, the housing configured for releasably holding the ~~clip~~~~closure element~~, the housing being actuable for advancing the ~~clip~~~~closure element~~ distally towards the distal end of the elongate member for deploying the ~~clip~~~~closure element~~.
13. (amended) The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising an actuator coupled to the housing, the actuator configured for advancing the housing distally to deploy the ~~clip~~~~closure element~~ therefrom.